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SUBJ: CIVAIR: RESTRICTIONS ON US CITIZENS USING IRAN AIR ROUTE TO FAR EAST

1. IRAN AIR DEPUTY MANAGING DIRECTOR TAJODAD CONFIRMED ON APRIL 8 INFORMATION EARLIER HEARD BY EMBASSY THAT CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS EXIST FROM CHINESE SIDE ON AMERICAN CITIZENS' USE OF IRAN AIR'S TWICE WEEKLY SERVICE TO THE FAR EAST. CHINA HAS TOLD IRAN AIR THAT IT MAY USE ON ITS AIRCREWS ONLY CITIZENS OF "FRIENDLY" COUNTRIES, AND SPECIFICALLY SAID US CITIZENS COULD NOT BE USED. SIMILARLY CHINA REQUIRES THAT CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES MUST HAVE A CHINESE TRANSIT VISA IF THEY USE THE IRAN AIR SERVICE TO AND FROM TOKYO, WHICH STOPS IN PEKING, EVEN THOUGH TRANSIT PASSENGERS DO NOT EVEN LEAVE THE AIRCRAFT. TAJODAD CONCEDED THIS MAKES IT ALL BUT IMPOSSIBLE FOR US CITIZENS TO USE THIS SERVICE.

2. IRAN AIR CONTINUES TO CARRY TWO CREWS ON ALL FLIGHTS TO FAR EAST, ONE CREW SERVING AS RELIEF CREW TAKING OVER IN PEKING. NO CREW REMAINS IN PEKING BECAUSE AS TAJODAD PUT IT, "IT IS A STRANGE ENVIRONMENT AND THEY WOULD BE TOO RESTRICTED THERE." CAAC CREW ON OTHER HAND DOES HAVE REST STOP IN TEHRAN ON ITS SERVICE PEKING-
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TEHRAN-BUCHAREST-TIRANA. CREW LIVES AT CAAC MANAGER'S HOUSE.

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